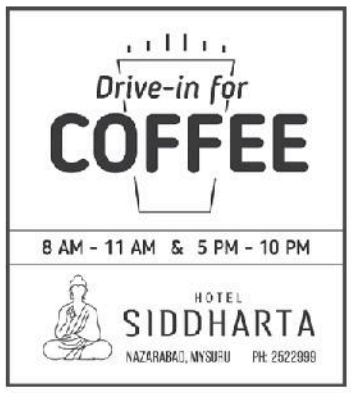

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Chamundi Hill gate vandalised

Mysuru, Dec. 25 (RK,MTY & BCT)- One of the four gates that provide access to Chamundi Hill has been damaged by a speeding vehicle. Though the incident occurred 10 days ago, it was noticed this morning by some walkers who alerted the Public Works Department about the fallen gate. Surprisingly, this incident did not even come to the notice of the beat Police who make regular rounds.

The gate that has been damaged is Thavarekatte-Nandi Road Gate. It was locked by PWD to prevent entry of vehicles in the wake of road repair works that have been taken up following a series of landslides atop Chamundi Hill.

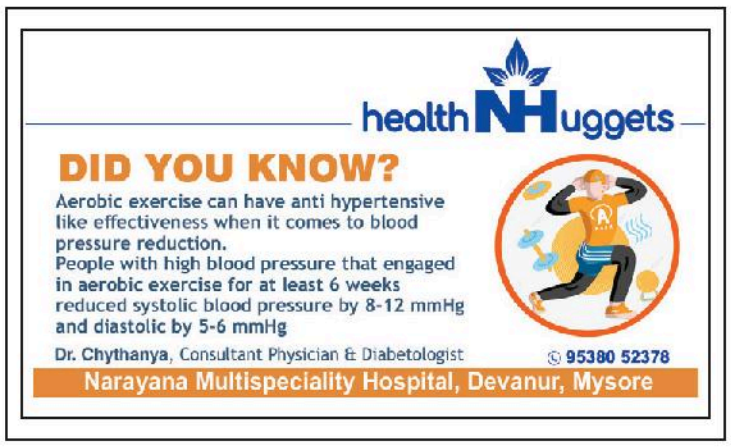
(See GATE on page 7)

Greetings

STAR OF MYSORE

wishes a **Merry Christmas** to all our Christian brothers, sisters and readers, who are celebrating the festival today.

— Management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Syed Mujahid @ Mujju, **MLA Aspirant** from Narasimharaja (NR) Assembly Constituency and well wishers greeted **Rev. Dr. K.A. William,** Bishop of Mysuru Diocese at Sanmarga Good Shepherd Church, Nelson Mandela Road in Bannimantap, Mysuru on the occasion of Christmas.

Promotional Feature

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 25th December 2022

Selected for Natl. Swimming Competition 2022-23

Mysuru, Dec. 25- S. Thanya from Mysuru has won 2 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze medals in the XXI State Short Course Swimming Championship 2022-23 organised by Karnataka Swimming Association affiliated to Swimming Federation of India, Karnataka Olympic Association and Sports Authority of Karnataka, at PET Aquatic Centre in Mandya recently.

She secured I place in 200M Breaststroke, 50M Breaststroke with the timing 2:46:42 and 36:69 respectively, II Place in 100M Breaststroke & 400M Medley with the timing of 1:17:54 & 5:23:34 respectively and III place in 4 X50M Medley & 200M Medley with the timing of 2:11:19 & 2:31:17 respectively in U-14 years category.

She has been selected for National Zonal-level Swimming Competition to be held from Dec. 27 to 29 at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

S. Thanya

She also broke the State Record set in 2005 in the 400M Medley Event at the timing 5:24:76 to reach the goal by 2:23:34.

Thanya is trained under Pavan Kumar of Global Sports Association, J.P. Nagar Swimming Pool, Mysuru, from last 6 years.

An 8th standard student of Sri Sharada Public School, Mysuru, she is the daughter of S.P. Shadakshari and N. Shwetha.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Congress is not a party of crusading campaigns but of power-seeking realists. Railing against big industry or BJP regime's preference for "billionaires" enthuses the Left, but Congress has never been a party of activists. A party accustomed to being in office, for whom power is oxygen, might be a mismatch with a mascot who is focussed on ideological purity. Rahul's search for ideological coherence won't fix the party's real problems. It won't paper over the cracks in Rajasthan Congress, or revive Congress' mojo in the Hindi belt, or rescue the demoralised Gujarat unit, or strengthen the faltering party organisation in all States.

In the 2019 general election, in 180 direct contests between BJP and Congress, Congress wins didn't cross double figures. The challenge therefore is to distil ideology into specific programmes and policies that will attract voters. A reinvigorated party organisation and a new plan of action are urgently needed. The Bharat Jodo Yatra has shown that Congress can mount highly effective and organised campaigns. Why does the party not fight elections with the same energy and efficiency?

RSS is an ideological outfit, but it puts in great effort for a political party — first Jana Sangh, then BJP. In the same way, Congress needs to become a robustly functioning political party to translate Congress ideology into political action. If Congress is not re-energised after the Bharat Jodo Yatra, then Rahul Gandhi's new reinvention will remain incomplete.

— *Sagarika Ghose in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Shoe-shaped house

Pennsylvania: The new owners of an unusual shoe-shaped Pennsylvania house built in 1948 announced the facility is now available to rent for short-term accommodations.

Modeled after a work boot, the house was built by shoe salesman Mahlon Haines in 1948 as a form of advertisement. Waylon and Naomi Brown purchased Hellam Township's Haines Shoe House in July and they announced the house is now available for short-term rentals on Vrbo.

The house was built to promote Mahlon Haines' chain of shoe stores and it has since gone through multiple owners and served as a honeymoon suite, an ice cream shop and a tourist attraction.

The house was renovated by the Browns. Its three bedrooms, which are all filled with shoe memorabilia, have been dubbed "Shoelace Space," "Instep Suite" and "Ankle Abode."

Shortest man

Iran: Afshin Esmaeil Ghaderzadeh of Iran has been named the world's shortest man by the Guinness World Records as of Tuesday. Twenty-year-old Afshin measured 65.24 centimetres (2 feet, 1.6 inches), 7 centimetre shorter than the previous record holder, 36-year-old Edward "Niño" Hernandez of Colombia. This makes Afshin the fourth-shortest man ever verified by Guinness.

Afshin, who speaks the Farsi dialect and is fluent in Kurdish and Persian was found in a rural area in the Iranian West Azerbaijan Province's Bukan County.

He was flown to Dubai office where measurements were taken 3 times in a span of 24 hours to record his accurate height. Afshin was only 700 g (1.5 lb) during birth and has grown now to be almost 6.5 kg (14.3 lb).

HEALTH CAPSULE

Skin care of babies is important in winter. Use soaps with more oil content of approved companies. Moisturize after bath. Traditional oil massage is helpful. Coconut oil especially virgin coconut oil is advised. Olive oil is not safe for kids.

By Dr. Jayanth D. P. - Consultant – Dermatology and Cosmetology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Student Forum inaugurated at Sarada Vilas College

Mysuru, Dec. 25 (KS)- The Student Forum of Sarada Vilas College was inaugurated by the dignitaries on the dais at a programme held at the Centenary Hall of the College here recently.

Vishmitha, B.Sc student, rendered invocation. Forum Vice-President S. Bheeresh welcomed. Student Yashaswini introduced theatre artiste N. Dhananjaya, who was the chief guest.

In his speech, Dhananjaya, who became nostalgic by remembering his days in College, also reminisced his first performance in 2000 as an artiste in 'Oorubanga' Kannada drama. He urged the students to develop individuality and for that discipline, dedication and determination should be imbibed by them.

N. Chandrashekhar, Hon. Secretary of Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions, opined that the Forum should do noteworthy programmes and recalled eminent members of the society who studied in this institution. Badges for members of the Forum were distributed by Dhananjaya who was also feted.

College Principal Dr. M. Devika presided. In her speech, she said that this Student Forum should expose the latent talents among the students, their leadership qualities and harmonious living to excel in one's life.

Student Forum Secretary Keerthiraj proposed a vote of thanks. Keerthishri and Sushmitha compered. National Anthem was sung by the audience.

REALLY...?

- *'On 16th December 1965, the song 'Jingle Bells' made history by becoming the first song to be played in space during NASA's Gemini 6A space flight.*
- *Usually when we think about Christmas trees, we think about Prince Albert (Queen Victoria's consort) popularising them in England, but the first known Christmas tree was set up at Queen's Lodge Windsor in December 1800 by Princess Charlotte.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

I got all sentimental when I saw my husband looking at our marriage certificate for half an hour.
Then I found out he's been looking for an expiry date!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 82.60
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 99.56
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.49
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.11

VOICE OF THE READER

Are MCC officials seriously vigilant about building violations? NO

Sir,

This is in response to our former Mayor Modamani's concern and advice to MCC officials about building violations published in *Star of Mysore* dated Dec. 20, 2022. Her concern is highly appreciated but the MCC officials are neither serious nor vigilant. Also, they have not learnt any lessons from the tragic death of retd. IB Officer.

We would like to share our recent experience in this regard. We, the 36 residents of Chamundeshwari Apartment, No. 3121/1, 13th Cross, V.V. Mohalla, submitted a representation in person to the Assistant Commissioner (AC), Zone-4 MCC, under intimation to the Commissioner, MCC, Mysuru, on 24.11.2022 to take immediate action to raze the portion of our neighbouring building which is old and in a dilapidated condition constructed long back without leaving offsets and as per norms of construction rules laid down by the MCC.

This portion of the building is posing a serious threat to lives and property of residents of the apartment. The AC assured that she will visit the site along with the engineer and initiate proper action without any delay. When we contacted the AC over the phone after 2 days, we were told that she will depute an MCC engineer and ask him to submit the report.

Incidentally, the engineer concerned Ramana was with AC madam and she asked us to speak to him. When we briefed him about the problem, he replied very casually and harshly in front of AC stating that he has a lot of other work to do and would visit site when he gets the time.

Meanwhile, the neighbouring building owner started patch work by chipping off old plastering of the mud wall and re-plastered this dilapidated portion instead of razing it. Till date, no MCC official has visited the spot nor initiated any action in this regard. God save us!

— Residents of Chamundeshwari Apartment
Mysuru
20.12.2022

Cops take out bike rally to prevent crimes

As part of Crime Prevention Month, City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh flagged off a bike rally from Torchlight Parade Grounds in Bannimantap on Friday. The Police Department has chalked various programmes during the month to create awareness among citizens on prevention of crimes including cyber crimes. DCP Muthuraj, ACPs Shivashankar, Shashidhar and Gangadhar were present on the occasion. More than 150 cops including the City Top Cop, Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors of all Police Stations participated in the bike rally which passed through LIC Circle, Fountain Circle, Ashoka Road, K.R. Circle, Agrahara, RTO Circle, JLB Road, Railway Station Junction, Irwin Road, Ayurveda Hospital Circle, New Sayyaji Rao Road, Highway Circle and culminated at Bannimantap Grounds.

Name Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway after Nalwadi: Mandya MLCs

Mandya, Dec. 25- With the ambitious Mysuru-Bengaluru 10-lane Expressway project nearing completion, Congress MLCs from Mandya — Madhu G. Madegowda and Dinesh Gooligowda — have urged Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to name the Expressway after Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar.

The MLCs, apart from submitting a memorandum to the CM, have also appealed PWD Minister C.C. Patil, Mandya District In-charge Minister K. Gopalaiah, Minister for Sports and Sericulture K.C. Narayanagowda, who hails from Mandya district and Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari, in this regard.

Highlighting the contributions of erstwhile Mysore ruler Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, who built the famed KRS Dam, established the State's first Sugar factory MySugar in Mandya, constructed K.R. Hospital and set up Sandalwood Oil Factory in Mysuru, established a Steel Plant at Bhadravati and many other projects, they maintained that it would be a befitting tribute to Nalwadi if the Expressway is named after him.

Madhu Madegowda and Dinesh Gooligowda further said that Ministers Gopalaiah and Narayanagowda have assured to talk to the CM on sending a proposal to the Union Minister in this regard. The CM too, after receiving their memorandum, has responded positively for the naming of the Expressway after Nalwadi, they added.

It may be mentioned that Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha had earlier demanded naming of the Expressway as 'Cauvery Expressway' on the lines of Yamuna Expressway and Ganga Expressway in UP and Narmada Expressway in Madhya Pradesh, as River Cauvery is the lifeline for crores of people of old Mysuru region.

Avail discount offer at Prakash Jewellers

Mysuru, Dec. 25- Prakash Jewellers, known for its intricate craftsmanship and pioneering designs, is a must-visit destination for all your jewellery needs.

As part of its 58th anniversary offer from Dec. 24 to 28, Prakash Jewellers, Shivarampet, is providing a discount of Rs. 300 per gram on all gold jewellery.

With a legacy of over 58 years in the gold market, it has ensured in providing the best of the best ornaments while keeping the latest trends in mind. From traditional heavy bridal masterpieces to contemporary jewellery, the store offers a spectacular array of designs across gold, silver and diamonds including the ever popular temple and antique range.

Inspired by South Indian artistry, culture and traditions, the store has a wide variety of alluring jewellery designs. The detailing in each piece of jewellery with precious stones of ruby, emerald and sapphire embellishes perfect sense of style.

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ROTA, PFA conduct free medical camp for 353 animals

Mysuru, Dec. 25 (BCT)- **Reaching Out To Animals (ROTA),** in association with **People For Animals (PFA),** Mysuru, conducted a free animal medical camp at Maratikyathanahalli, Jayapura Hobli on Saturday (Dec. 24) from 7 am.

ROTA and PFA have conducted several campaigns since its inception, with the frequency of once in every six months. The total number of animals treated in yesterday's camp was 353 including 185 cows, 78 sheep, 90 goats and 7 dogs. De-worming medication, wound-healing sprays and ointments, anti-diarrhoeal medicines and multivitamin supplements were distributed free of cost.

While dogs were administered anti-rabies vaccines, cows were given mineral supplements. Liquid de-worming medicine was provided to sheep and goats, apart from wound-healing ointments and sprays. 183 local villagers turned up with their respective animals, making it a successful camp.

Also, ROTA and PFA are moving forward together to scale up their ideas to save animals. They are committed to bringing more animals and people into their fold, by enhancing their campaigning and networking in the years to come.

Dr. Amardeep, Dr. Leela, Para Vets Shiva, Gopal, Murthy, PFA Managing Trustee Savitha Nagabhushan and volunteers from SDM Institute of Management Development, were present.

NEWS BRIEFS

Tailoring Training

The Parivarthana Grameena Abhivrudhi Samsthe, Mysuru, has organised a 45-day free skill development training in tailoring under Chief Minister's Kaushalya Karnataka Yojane (CMKKY). Unemployed women belonging to SC/ST and all communities are eligible to apply. The training will start from tomorrow (Dec. 26). Preference will be given to those who come first, according to a press release from Samsthe President.

Athletics Meet

The Department of Public Instruction has organised a two-day District-level Athletics Meet for boys and girls aged between 14 years and 17 years at Chamundi Vihar Stadium in city on Dec. 28 and 29. The Athletics Meet for Primary School students will be held on Dec. 28 while for High School students it will be held on Dec. 29. For details, contact Physical Education Officer S. Siddaraju on Mob: 89517-48361 or visit Office of Deputy Director of the Department.

Folk arts training camp on Dec. 30

The Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, as part of its departmental programme (2022-23), will be organising a cultural and folk arts training camp for College students and youths at Chamundi Vihar Stadium in Nazarbad on Dec. 30. College students and members of youth organisations interested in taking part, can report at the venue at 11 am on Dec. 30. All the participants will be paid travel and boarding allowance, according to a press release.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Yesterday	:	119.80	feet
Inflow	:	2,513	cusecs
Outflow	:	4,369	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,270.95	feet
Inflow	:	462	cusecs
Outflow	:	Nil	

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,827.60	feet
Inflow	:	181	cusecs
Outflow	:	245	cusecs

White tigress, three cubs main attractions at Mysuru Zoo now

Mysuru, Dec. 25 (GA&BCT)- It was a moment of joy for visitors to Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, popularly known as Mysuru Zoo yesterday as they were given a chance for the first time to see the cubs of albino (white) tigress Thara that had given birth to three cubs on April 26, 2022.

The cubs and the mother were out of bounds for the visitors till now as extra care had to be taken to ensure that the cubs grow well and healthy. Yesterday, Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar initiated the public viewing of the albino mother and non-albino cubs by releasing the cubs to open enclosures.

The eight-month-old cubs are healthy and are bound to attract more visitors in the current Christmas and New Year seasons. Among the three cubs, two are females and one male and each cub weighs between 30-35 kilograms.

The cubs were born to Thara after a gap of nine years and have been closely monitored till now by vets with the help of CCTV cameras installed in Thara's enclosure. Zoo authorities said the cubs were born to 8-year-old Thara and 8-year-old Rocky.

Rocky was rescued in 2018 from the wild at Shettihalli in Hunsur Range. Thara, brought to the Mysuru Zoo in 2018 from Chennai Zoo, is one of the two white tigresses at the Zoo, the other being Manya, who had bred several times.

The Mysuru Zoo is at the forefront of tiger conservation and the tigers at the Zoo were not allowed to mate for a few years and hence no cubs were born. As there was a demand for tigers from other Zoos, Thara and Rocky were allowed to mate and three cubs were born to them. One male cub born to Thara and Rocky will be shifted to Chitradurga Zoo in the coming days, said Zoo authorities.

At present, the Mysuru Zoo houses 11 tigers of which three are males, five females and three cubs. There are six male tigers at the Chamundi Animal Conservation, Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre set up by the Mysuru Zoo at Koorgalli and all of them have been rescued from the wild and are in a healthy condition.

MLA S.A. Ramdas, Mayor Shivakumar, Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra, Zoo Authority of Karnataka Chairman Shivakumar, Karnataka Exhibition Authority Chairman Mirle Srinivas Gowda, City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa, Yuva Morcha President Kiran Gowda and others were present when the cubs were released to the open enclosure.

Leopard that killed two students finally trapped, shifted to Bannerghatta Biological Park

T. Narasipur, Dec. 25 (Kumar& BCT)- People in T. Narasipur and surrounding 40 villages heaved a sigh of relief as the leopard that killed two persons was finally trapped in a cage at Madgaralingayyanahundi (M.L. Hundi) after an intensive 22-day-and-night operation.

The leopard had attacked and killed Manjunath and Meghana, both students and had also attacked livestock and created terror in the region.

While 22-year-old Manjunath, a student of Maharaja's College in Mysuru was attacked by the leopard when he was returning from Mallikarjunaswamy temple near M.L. Hundi on Oct. 31, 22-year-old Meghana, a student of Government First Grade College at T. Narasipur was attacked on Dec. 1 at Kebbehundi.

The Forest Department identified the feline as a seven-year-old male weighing around 80 kgs and though they had tried various tactics to catch the prowling leopard since the last seven weeks, it managed to give them a slip and escape into the forest. The leopard was sighted

only seven to eight times and thrice on high-definition thermal drone cameras.

The big cat was finally trapped when it walked into the cage that was designed like a cowshed in Ukkalagere village of T. Narasipur taluk near M.L. Hundi to eat a calf. Hundreds of villagers of the region rushed to see the captured leopard and celebrated the moment.

Over 150 Forest Department staff were tracking the leopard since Nov. 1 and advanced technology including thermal drones and night vision cameras were used in the operation.

Though over 18 small cages were placed to capture the feline, it did not bite the bait and had always stayed one step ahead of the experts who were tracking it. Changing their strategy, the Forest Department officers placed a large cage measuring around 10 ft x 15 ft that was specially brought from Tumakuru and designed it like a cowshed with hay and green grass on its roof and sides.

Live bait was placed inside the cage in a bid to lure the feline. This strategy proved successful and the leopard entered the cage at around 4.30 am on Friday and the Forest staff heard loud growls of the enraged feline when they visited the spot at 10 am.

Looking at the pattern of the two killings, the distance between them and the style of attack, it has been ascertained that it is the same leopard that took the lives of the two youths.

Over 37 camera traps were set up in a bid to ascertain the identity of the leopard and the exercise yielded 10 to 12 images and they matched that of the captured feline. Even its pugmarks matched.

Chief Conservator of Forests Mysuru Circle M. Malathi Priya and DCF Mysuru division Kamala Karikalan said the leopard had been shifted to Bannerghatta Biological Park, Bengaluru.

It may be recalled here that under pressure from the protesting villagers, a shoot-at-sight order was passed after both the killings. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Kumar Pushkar had personally visited the site and monitored the operations.

Midnight Mass marks X-mas celebrations

Mysuru, Dec. 25 (GA&DM)- After a two-year gap due to COVID pandemic, Christmas was celebrated by Christian community members with grandeur and gaiety in the city last night.

All Churches in the city were specially decorated for the grand celebration, marked by Carol singing and Holy Mass. The devotees who congregated at St. Philomena's Church joined the mass prayers that took place between 10.30 pm and 11.30 pm.

Later, Bishop of Mysuru Diocese, Most Rev. Dr. K.A. William, placed the idol of Infant Jesus in the crib and lit the candles and conducted the midnight mass, thus ringing in the celebrations at the stroke of midnight.

Special mass was held at all other Churches across the city, including Deenara Mata Church in Bannimantap, St. Anthony Church in Gayatripuram, Pushpagiri Church in Belavatta village, Sacred Heart Church in Yadavagiri and Holy Family Church at Hinkal. All the Churches were a beehive of activities as devotees thronged them to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

For the first time, St. Philomena's Church had a theme of 'Old Testament and New Testament' this Christmas which attracted thousands of devotees and tourists. While 'Old Testament' featured replicas of all creations including animals and birds, 'New Testament' has the Infant Jesus in the crib with mountains, flora and planets hanging around along with the Sun and the Stars.

Many people were seen clicking pictures and taking selfies.

Presbyter's X-mas Message

By Rev. Daniel J. Kaundinya, Presbyter, St. Bartholomew's Church, Mysuru

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

At the outset I would like to thank Lord Almighty for His faithfulness and His grace that has led us thus far as a family of believers at St. Bartholomew's. The caring way in which God saw us through affirms God's abundant grace and loving kindness towards the faithful.

The arrival of Advent Season is gifted to relish the great experience of human kind at the arrival of the Saviour and joyfully expect His second coming. It's a season to thank God and celebrate God-Human relationship in Christ which rekindles the fire of perpetual companionship in Jesus Christ and celebrate God's abundant grace in sending His son to save the world.

Further, the scripture reminds us that the celebration of Christmas season is pivoted in John 1:1-18 which says, "The word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory of our Father's only son, full of grace and truth."

It is evident here that God's grace made flesh that we will understand God's active, lively grace when we participate in it. From His fullness we have all received grace upon grace which ensured forgiveness of sin, reconciliation with the Father, everlasting life and to be prepared for His second coming.

Lastly, God's gracious love is always abundant, overflowing and reaching out. In His arrival it was profusely poured upon the people in darkness; we have all received grace upon grace and thus it calls us to be the channel of his care and reach out the spirit of first Christmas and continue to share it with those who are deprived of it.

I pray and wish that the abundant grace of God be relished, experienced and relived during Christmas time to fill our life with Joy, Peace and Divine blessings. All glory and honour to Him alone.

Wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year-2023.

Writer Vasantha Kalbagal's two books released

Mysuru, Dec. 25 (MTY&DM)- Writer Vasantha Kalbagal's two latest books 'Some Darshana' - a compilation of Profiles and 'Additusha Bakkajabinni' - humour essays, were released at a programme jointly organised by District Kannada Sahitya Parishat and Sahityaloka Publications at Rotary Hall here recently.

Speaking on the occasion, Maharani's Commerce and Management College for Women Kannada faculty Prof. Mysore Krishnamurthy said the facts documented in 'Some Darshana' is exciting.

Pointing out that Vasantha's books focuses on what the society needs more from the cultural front, he said that this will throw more light on the personality of great achievers.

Observing that the book is more significant as it contains the achievements from multiple and varied fields such as Science, Technology, Music, Industry, Sports etc., Prof. Krishnamurthy said that the profiles in the book carry important facts about personalities mentioned in the book, that were hitherto unknown.

Referring to 'Additusha Bakkajabinni', Prof. Krishnamurthy said the book is a humorous depiction of the life experiences and narratives of the author Vasantha.

Noting that essays and articles get appreciation from readers because of their narrative style, he said the book belongs to the category of essays on life journey that reach the heart of readers.

Veteran Sugama Sangeetha exponent and Sangeet Natak Academy awardee H.R. Leelavathi, in her address, said Vasantha Kalbagal has identified herself internationally through her style of narration in her books.

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal, Writers Vasantha Kalbagal, Publisher Raghuveer Samartha and others were present on the occasion.

Roopashri rendered the invocation while Srividya compered.

Palace Flower Show beckons visitors

A view of the Flower Show venue with replicas of Kashi Vishwanath temple and other models in the backdrop of illuminated Mysore Palace. [Pic. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]

Mysuru, Dec. 25 (SBD&BCT)- The stoic silence of the State Government to the District Administration's proposal to conduct the Mysuru Winter Festival 2022 and a request seeking Rs. 50 lakh grant notwithstanding, the annual Mysore Palace Flower Show conducted every winter is seeing major attendance.

The Flower Show, a combination of symbols and imagery from natural, historical, religious, technological and current affairs — all signifying a mini-India, was inaugurated yesterday by District Minister S.T. Somashekar and other dignitaries who also went around the vast campus, enjoying the colourful world lit up by bright lights.

So much was the enthusiasm that people thronged the venue after 7 pm and were loitering around experiencing the beauty of the flowers, floral models against the backdrop of the illuminated Palace. Some were literally shooed away from the venue at the closing hour.

At the time of the Flower Show, the imposing structure of the Palace will be illuminated between 7 pm and 8 pm daily and the Flower Show is open from 10 am to 9 pm. Entry is free and, in the evening, there are several cultural programmes.

At the centre of the Flower Show is the floral replica of Kashi Vishwanath Temple that has been built with red, white and yellow flowers. There is a floral sanctum sanctorum that has a Shiva Linga that has been arranged with flowers. Visitors were seen praying in front of the replica as they had a chance to see the Kashi Temple in Mysuru.

Replicas a huge hit

Other attractions include Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary, complete with birds hanging from threads indicating that they are flying, islands and a crocodile model made of bitter gourd. Floral replicas of Kalashas and the portraits of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, Jayachamaraja Wadiyar and Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar, a model of Jayachamaraja Wadiyar having a conversation with Sir M. Visvesvaraya are also attracting people.

The portrait of Adi Shankaracharya, models of Amar Jawan Jyothi, Vande Bharat Express Train, Cheetahs brought from Namibia, elephant Lakshmi that gave birth to Sri Dattatreya at the Mysore Palace premises during Dasara, first female teacher Savithribai Phule, Yoga For Life model, hockey legend Dhyanchand, Raja Ravi Varma and Padma Shri Amai Mahalinga Naik and Kambala sport model are proving to be great hits.

Over 32 species of flowers including African Marigold Yellow, Orchids, Celosia, Carnation, Anthurium, Gerbera, Roses, Cosmos, Blue Daisy, Chrysanthemum, Cockscomb, Kochia, Phlox, Chrysanthemum, Ping Pong, Petunia, Torenia, Dracaena, Tithonia and Zinnia that are grown in over 25,000 pots are on display. Thousands of saplings, ornamental plants, quick flowering plants like Felicia Daisy, Marigold, Zinnia and ornamental plants like Cactus are exhibited.

A replica of Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary.

Floral model of Vande Bharat Express.

Promoting tourism

Speaking after inaugurating the Flower Show, Minister Somashekar said the Government is giving emphasis to promote tourism. He played down the threat of another wave of COVID-19 and said that the rules stipulated by the Health Department are being followed and there is no need to panic.

He said that the Government has initiated measures to sanction interest-free loans through the Co-operation Department and Rs. 24,000 crore would be distributed to the farmers. Those farmers who had availed loans earlier too can avail of the loans from the Cooperation Department and all the District Co-operative Banks have been notified of it and have started disbursement, Somashekar added.

MLA S.A. Ramdas, Mayor Shivakumar, Deputy Mayor Dr. G. Roopa, MLC C.N. Manjegowda, Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra, Zilla Panchayat CEO B.R. Poornima, Mysore Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya, Chairmen of various Boards and Corporations and others were present.

Over 500 artistes led by Guru Vid. Sridhar Jain, Founder of Sri Nimishamba School of Dance, Mysuru, presented a dance feature titled** Mera Bharat **as part of the cultural events at Mysore Palace last evening.

Tourist arrivals in Mysuru ringing the cash register

But road repair works in peak tourist season causing inconvenience to public, commuters

Male Mahadeshwara Road in Nazarbad blocked for repair works. Picture right shows haphazard traffic around Kurubarahalli Circle.

Mysuru, Dec. 25 (MTY&BCT) The tourism sector has made a strong comeback in Karnataka in 2022 and as per the latest statistics provided by the Tourism Department between January and October this year, over 14 crore domestic tourists and over 50,000 foreign tourists visited the State.

The most preferred tourist destinations are Mysuru-Kabini-Kodagu circuit, Hampi, Badami, and Chikkamagaluru. In Mysuru, the tourism has reached the pre-pandemic levels multiple times and after Dasara, this winter is again seeing a tourist rush and the hospitality sector is upbeat as the cash registers are ringing.

All the hotels, home stays, resorts and even serviced apartments are teeming with guests and they have booked rooms till January 3. There are more than 10,000 rooms and there is a 100 percent occupancy. These tourists have come and are here to stay despite the outbreak of COVID in China.

Thankfully for the hospitality and the travel sector, the pandemic has not raised its ugly head in India and the Mysuru region. Though there is a general caution, the stakeholders are following measures like sanitisation and adhering to the standard operating protocols.

Traffic rush on Dasara Exhibition road.

Tourists are making a beeline to various destinations within Mysuru and are thronging attractions like the Flower Show, Chamundi Hill, Mysore Palace, Krishna Raja Sagar and cooler places like Balamuri, Yedamuri, Srirangapatna, Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary. Destinations like Kodagu and Chikkamagaluru are also witnessing extra rush this Christmas and New Year season.

Repair works in peak tourist season

As there are more vehicles on the city's roads when compared to the other normal days, certain decisions taken by the authorities are facing public criticism. The road works launched on the ever-busy Male Mahadeshwara Road in Nazarbad for example. Commuters are questioning the timing of the road works in peak tourist season.

The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is repairing/asphalting the stretch from Nazarbad Police Station Circle up to Milk Dairy junction at a cost of Rs. 1 crore and as such, the crucial road has been closed now.

Though alternative roads have been provided, the surrounding areas are witnessing bumper-to-bumper traffic at all times due to the high number of tourist vehicles, especially buses. Many schools and educational institutions even from North Karnataka have brought children in buses to Mysuru and this has resulted in chaotic situations on most of the roads. Due to the general rush, these buses cannot be overtaken and vehicles are forced to move in perpetually slow-moving traffic.

Lack of foresight

The stretch from Nazarbad Police Station Circle up to Milk Dairy junction is a crucial road to reach the foot of Chamundi Hill and as the repairs have been taken up now, the surrounding roads near Air Force Selection Board junction, towards Yeraganahalli Circle, Karanji Lake Road, Lalitha Mahal Palace Road, Kurubarahalli Circle and Siddarthanagar Traffic Police Station Road are clogged. The ever-blocked roads are also hampering the emergency services to and from the hospitals in the surrounding areas and the commuters are questioning the timing of the road repairs. "The MCC's decision to take up road works now is flawed as this is a peak season. Instead, the road could have been repaired in mid-January when the pressure of tourists is eased," said a commuter.

The commuters are criticising the officers and elected representatives for lacking foresight. "In fact, the officers and leaders must facilitate smooth traffic flow and add to the tourist convenience. But here, they are making things worse for commuters, tourists and the general public," he added.

Miffed BJP leader G. Janardhana Reddy announces new Party

Janardhana Reddy

Bengaluru, Dec. 25 (DM)- Setting at rest all speculations on his future political career after his reported sidelining by the BJP, former Minister and Mining baron Gali Janardhana Reddy said he will be floating a new Party shortly and contest the forthcoming Assembly polls in the State independently.

Addressing a press meet here this morning, Janardhana Reddy, a former Minister in the JD(S)-BJP coalition Government and in first BJP Government headed by B.S. Yediyurappa over a decade ago, said that he had come out of the BJP miffed over his sidelining by the Party.

Disclosing the name of his new party as **'Kalyana Rajya Pragathi Paksha'**, Reddy said he began his political journey by joining the BJP under the leadership of Sushma Swaraj.

Maintaining that he gave his heart out for the party since then, Reddy contended that barring B.S. Yediyurappa and Jagadish Shettar, no other top BJP leaders stood by him during his testing, trying and troublesome times.

Stating that his wife Lakshmi Aruna, who solidly stood by him during his difficult times, will play a crucial role in working out his new Party's political agenda, Reddy reiterated that his new Party would contest the forthcoming Assembly polls and he would not force his protégé B. Sriramulu, a current Minister, to join his Party. The symbol and flag of his new Party which has been named as 'Kalyana Rajya Pragathi Paksha' will soon be finalised, he added.

Chamundi Hill gate vandalised

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There are four gates that lead to Chamundi Hill. The first gate that leads to the Hill is from Thavarekatte Main Arch. The second is from Thavarekatte to Nandi Bull, the third one is from Lalitha Mahal Road and the fourth gate is through Uthanahalli Road, the southern side of the Hill. These gates have been installed to prevent unauthorised entry.

Local villagers said that a particular vehicle has entered the Chamundi Hill from Uthanahalli side and proceeded towards Nandi Statue. Later, it entered the Thavarekatte-Nandi Gate, that is one-way.

As the road was steep, the speeding vehicle crashed onto the gate and the hinges have given way. The gate was already damaged as the hinges were rusted due to continuous rains. The vehicle that has damaged the gate has not been traced till now and as there are no CCTV cameras by the side of the gate, the tracing becomes challenging.

Due to the damaged gate, vehicles have started entering and exiting from that road. Today, many vehicles were spotted on the road that was closed till now. The sudden rush of vehicles has disturbed the peace and tranquillity of the area.

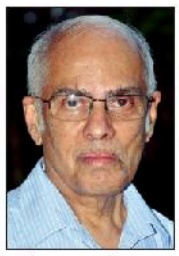
Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, PWD Executive Engineer Raju said that the gate will be repaired immediately and emergency funds will be sanctioned.

"Repair works will be completed in a day or two as we do not want people to enter the road where repair work is in progress," he said.

TRAVELOGUE: North-East Indian States

India's Switzerland and much more... – 1

By Bhamy V. Shenoy



Bhamy Shenoy

In recent years, North-East (NE) India has come on the tourist map to attract mostly Indians. Even in the case of Indians, for it to reach the status of Alps of Switzerland, National Parks of the US, Safaris of Africa or lush forests of New Zealand, NE States have to do considerable work to promote it. However, NE States need not even attempt to lure those tourists who are mesmerised by the glamorous shopping malls of Dubai and Singapore. It is those tourists, who are interested in natural beauty, wildlife, magnificent mountains and greenery, who will be attracted once they learn what NE States have to offer.

North-East India consists of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura — often called "The Seven Sisters", and Sikkim — referred to as the "Brother" to the seven States.

Recently I took Kesari Tours to visit Assam, Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh. Twelve days tour was enjoyable, but strenuous. Just about every day we spent more than four to six hours in Innova. Road trips often were like boat rides on high seas in several places because of poor road conditions. Some times it was even scary when we saw massive land slides with heavy boulders in the middle of the road. In one place we had to wait for its clearance.

North Eastern States were established during the British Raj. The population of North-East India is formed of several racial stocks, principally, the Mongoloids, the Indo-Aryans, the Australoids or Austric and the Dravidians. There are 220 ethnic groups speaking in 220 languages belonging to mostly four language families — Indo-European, Sino-Tibetan, Kra-Dai and Austroasiatic. Bio-diversity of NE States is also mind-boggling. Even without our making special attempts to learn we could appreciate fascinating aspects of ethnic and bio-diversity of the region.

Bhamy Shenoy at Tawang Monastery, the second largest in the world.

Dirang Monastery built in 21st century.

One natural question that puzzled me was how missionaries came as early as 17th century when living conditions were difficult and traveling was treacherous to convert people living in Meghalaya (74%), Nagaland (88%) and Mizorama (87%) to Christianity. Today 17% of NE States have 17% Christians, 54% Hindus and 25% Muslims. Buddhists are less than 1.4%. What is even sad is that most converted Christians have become anglicised giving up their rich heritage — heavy price of colonialism which our history books fail to discuss.

It is only recently, Indians came to know about the greatest Assam Hero Lachit Barphukan. His 400th birth anniversary was celebrated sometime back by PM Modi. He halted the march of Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb's Army in the battle of Saraighat in 1671. How many of us have studied about this Ahom Commander or the rule of Ahom dynasty for six hundred years?

In Arunachal Pradesh, Tawang is one of the large cities where we visited Tawang Monastery. It is the largest monastery in India built in 1681 and second largest in the world after Potla Palace in Lasha. In Tibetan it is known as **Gaden Namgyal Lhatse**, which translates to "the divine paradise of complete victory." To make it even more interesting, 'Ta' means "horse", 'wang' means "chosen", which together forms the word 'Tawang', meaning "the location selected by horse". This monastery is situated at the top of a mountain, at an elevation of 10,000 feet.

In Tawang, we visited Urgelling Monastery, the birthplace of the 6th Dalai Lama who is the only Indian to have risen to such a high position in Gelupka Sect of Buddhism so far. There is a war museum where one can enjoy light and sound show. Because of freezing weather, I decided to miss it. We also did not visit Bum La Pass which is the border between China and India and 34 kms from Tawang.

The other two cities we visited in Arunachal Pradesh were Bomdila and Dirang. In Dirang, we visited Thupsung Dhargye Ling Monastery which means Place of Flourishing of Buddha's Speech. It is a temple and learning institute for the study of Tibetan Buddhism by lay people and monks. It was named by Dalai Lama and was consecrated by him in 2017.

It was just a night halt in Bomdila on our way back to Guwahati. Though the tour guide suggested a visit to the monastery, we decided to skip after seeing many since most are very similar. While in Bomdila, we fell to the usual tourist trap of buying a Pashmina shawl from a large store in front of the hotel. Though we knew that they are expensive (some authentic ones costing more than a lakh rupees), we bought two shawls paying Rs. 3,000 after some bargaining.

Arunachal Pradesh gave us an opportunity to learn about the heroic efforts of Jaswant Singh Rawat, *Maha Vir Chakra (MVC)*, who fought bravely against the Chinese in 1962. We spent some time enjoying the natural beauty of Sela Pass (connecting Tawang with the rest of India) situated at 13,700 ft. which provided photo op.

However, in terms of sight seeing places or monuments, there was not much to see in Arunachal Pradesh. It was mostly enjoying the natural beauty and towering Himalayan mountains which we can see even in Meghalaya. There were some attractive water falls. One of the most spectacular is Jung Falls between Tawang and Bomdila. It is 100 metres high.

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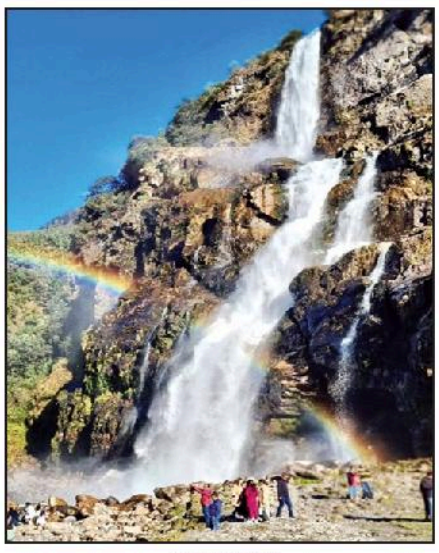

Jung Falls.

Majestic beauty of towering mountains.

District Minister opens city's first 'Namma Clinic'

To ease burden on existing healthcare facilities in Urban and Semi-Urban areas

Mysuru, Dec.25 (MTY&DM)- In yet another health care initiative of the State Government, 'Namma Clinic', modelled on the Union Government's Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs), was inaugurated at Madhuvana Layout, Srirampura in the city this morning.

Speaking after inaugurating the Clinic, District Minister S.T. Somashekar said that 'Namma Clinics' are being set up across the State and this is the first one in Mysuru city.

Explaining the salient features of the Clinics, Somashekar said these are aimed at providing basic healthcare services to the urban poor, slum dwellers and lower income groups.

Pointing out that the objective of the Clinics is to ease the burden on existing healthcare facilities in Urban and Semi-Urban areas, he said Doctors and Nursing staff have been roped in on contract basis for running the 'Namma Clinic', where free primary healthcare is provided. If necessary, the Clinics would refer to specialist treatment in Government Hospitals, he added.

Referring to the welfare of differently-abled children, Somashekar lauded the efforts of MLA S.A. Ramdas in coming to the aid of such children.

K.R. MLA Ramdas, in his address, said that 'Namma Clinic' is not just a temporary healthcare facility, but a permanent one, working throughout the year.

Asserting that this healthcare facility was opened on the day marking the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee, Ramdas said that it was Vajpayee who first launched welfare schemes for the differently-abled under the provisions of the Constitution.

Highlighting the achievements of the Vajpayee Government in various sectors, the MLA said that 'Namma Clinic' sends out a message for the public to have a perception that 'It is my Clinic and my Doctor'. The Clinic, apart from medical consultation, will also provide the prescribed medicines, he added.

Water beds, Wheel chairs, Air beds, M.R. Kits, Crutches, C.P. Chairs and other prosthetic equipment were distributed to over 160 differently-abled beneficiaries on the occasion.

Mayor Shivakumar and others were present.

It may be mentioned here that Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai had launched 114 'Namma Clinics' located across the State recently at Bengaluru. There are 438 such sanctioned Clinics in the State, out of which 6 will be in Mysuru district, including three in Mysuru city — at Srirampura, which was inaugurated today; at Hootagalli on Hunsur road and at Yaraganahalli, which are due to be inaugurated shortly. The three other Clinics in the district will come up at H.D. Kote Handpost in H.D. Kote taluk, T. Narasipur and K.R. Nagar towns.

India wins second Test against Bangladesh in a thriller

Dhaka, Dec. 25- India beat Bangladesh by three wickets in the low-scoring second Test to complete a 2-0 series sweep at Mirpur today.

Chasing a paltry 145 runs for victory on a turning track, India overcame a top-order batting collapse to reach the target in the first session on the penultimate day at Mirpur's Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium.

Ravichandran Ashwin top-scored for India with an unbeaten 42 while off-spinner Mehidy Hasan Miraz (5-63) was the pick of Bangladesh bowlers. Bangladesh had prevailed 2-1 in the preceding one-day international series between the neighbours.

India was chasing a small victory target of 145 after Bangla spinner Mehidy Hasan had struck triple blows on the third day on Saturday to keep alive Bangladesh's hopes of a series-levelling victory in the dramatic second Test.

The tourists began the fourth day today on a precarious note at 45-4, after 14 wickets tumbled on a frenetic day three — half of them in the final session alone.

Axar Patel, promoted to number four, was batting on 26 at stumps with night watchman Jaydev Unadkat on 3 at the other end yesterday.

Earlier, Bangladesh posted 231 in their second innings largely because of Litton Das' sparkling 73 before being all out in the final session, leaving the tourists India to chase 145 runs for victory.

India completed the task on the fourth day, losing seven wickets, three of them within an hour of play today. But, top order young batsman Shreyas Iyer, who scored an unbeaten 29 and the experienced Ravichandran, who scored a crucial innings (42 not out), held nerves and steered India to victory without any further loss of wickets. The two batters shared a vital unbeaten stand of 71 runs for the eighth wicket, which resulted in India, which had collapsed to 74/7 in the run chase, ultimately romping home in a thriller.

Brief scores: Bangladesh - 227 and 231. India - 314 and 145/7.

Obituary

Khaleel Ahmed

Mysuru, Dec. 25- Khaleel Ahmed (54), a resident of Rajivnagar, near Masjid-e-Al Badar and brother of Ghayaz Ahmed (Akram), Chairman, Mysuru District Waqf Advisory Committee, passed away this morning.

He leaves behind his wife, three sons and hosts of relatives and friends. *Namaz e Janaza* will be offered after *Namaz-e-Isha* in Masjid-e-Yaseen, Rajivnagar followed by burial in Old Khabarasthan, near Tipu Circle at 8 pm.

Sharadamma

Sharadamma (70), a resident of Hootagalli KHB Colony on Hunsur road, passed away here yesterday.

She leaves behind her husband Bettegowda, a retired Superintendent of KSOU, two sons, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon, according to family sources.

C. Doddaiah

C.Doddaiah (70), a former Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) official and a resident of Gayatripuram in the city, passed away here on Friday. He was the uncle of former Mayor Pushpalatha Chikkanna.

He leaves behind a son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

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CESC asks cable operators to remove unauthorised cables tied to electric poles

Mysuru, Dec. 25- With Dish TV and other cable network operators found to have unauthorisedly tied or drawn their cables from CESC (Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation) electric poles along roadsides and interior places, the CESC has asked the cable operators to immediately remove such cables as a public safety measure.

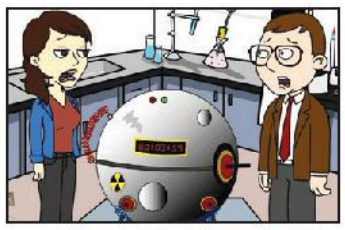
In a press release, CESC authorities said that it has also been found that some authorised operators have drawn cables in an unscientific or improper manner, which has led to electric mishaps. As such, the cable operators alone will be held responsible if any electric mishaps occur due to faulty or improper cable drawing.

Although the CESC had warned the cable operators to remove or rectify cable drawing from electric poles through repeated press releases, the operators are yet to address the issue. Following this, the CESC has once again asked the cable operators to carry out a pole inventory and draw cables only as specified in the sanction order issued by CESC.

The operators are instructed to address the issue in a week. Also such cable operators who have unauthorisedly used electric poles to serve their purpose, have been asked to get sanction letters by payment of the stipulated fee, failing which the CESC will launch a drive for removing unauthorised cables without any prior notice, the release said.

WORD OF THE DAY

Gainsay



Pronunciation: gayn-SAY.
Meaning: To deny/ disagree with something.
Origin: You might have trouble figuring out the meaning of gainsay if you're thinking of modern word gain plus say. It should help to know that the gain part comes from Old English word gēan-, meaning "against" or "in opposition to." In Middle English, gēan- was joined to seyen ("to say") to form gein-seyen, which led to the modern word gainsay.
Example: *"Nineteen Eighty-Four* has not just sold tens of millions of copies — it has infiltrated the consciousness of countless people who have never read it. ... No work of literary fiction from the past century approaches its cultural ubiquity while retaining its weight. Dissenting voices ... have argued that *Nineteen Eighty-Four* is actually a bad novel, with thin characters, humdrum prose and an implausible plot, but even they couldn't gainsay its importance." — Dorian Lynskey

THE ODD WORD

Galliard

Brisk; gallant; lively

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Get over it

Meaning: Don't concern yourself with something that's already in the past; accept it and move on to more productive pursuits.
Origin: We have been told to 'get over' our problems for centuries; for example, in *Thirty-six Years of Seafaring Life,* 1839, we have: "Such was his state, that no one supposed he ever could get over it." [an amputation]. Something changed in the USA in early 1990s though and 'Get over it' began to be used as a single sentence. A pre-cursor to 'get over it' as a standalone phrase were a spate of articles relating to the USA's ongoing pre-occupation with the Vietnam War. In an article in the Kingston newspaper *The Gleaner,* October 1990 there was a report of a meeting between US Secretary of State James Baker and Vietnam's Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach. Following the meeting a diplomat said: "The Americans have a serious emotional problem when it comes to Vietnam and the war. They have to get over it." The single-sentence form came soon after.

QUOTE BOX

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.

—Winston Churchill

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

MOMENTS

Answer: Sign of the times.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 City on the Irtysh
5 The sesame plant or seed
8 Action word
12 "Zuckerman Unbound" author
13 Vane directions ?
14 Romulus kin
15 At the home of, in French
16 Outfitting, dressing or arraying?
18 Suffix for enzymes
19 Out of order
20 Air Data Sys.
21 Greedy creatures!
23 Adjudicator on the pitch
25 Heart rate
27 One at cover or slip
31 ___ out : makes last longer?
32 Hit sharply
33 Operatic lady
34 Recommenced
36 Mosque leaders?
37 Long fish
38 Nav. readings
39 A coin and monetary unit of Rumania, equal to 100 bani
42 Aerial spirit
44 Small seed of an orange
47 Verbally gushing
49 Singer Amos
50 An ancient Greek portico
51 Actress ___ Peeples
52 Noah used one of these
53 Being in Latin
54 ___ Forests : the lion sanctuary in Gujarat?
55 Castle or home, especially for the Spanish

WEDNESDAY'S ANSWER

H	I	P	■	M	A	R	S	■	E	P	I	C
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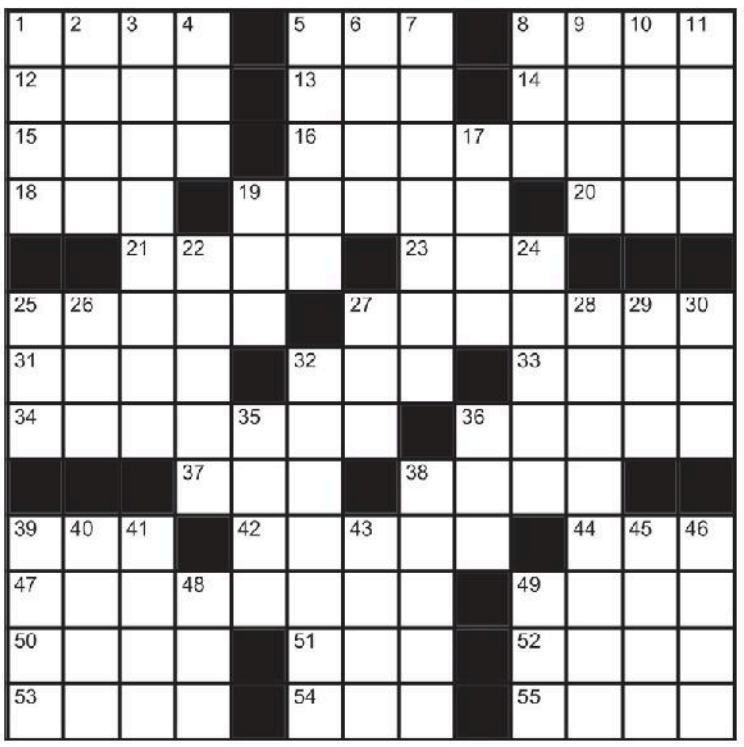
M	A	R	T	■	B	S	E	S	■	D	I	C

DOWN

1 A killer whale
2 ___ scale : scale of hardness in mineralogy?
3 Spires
4 A measure of frequency
5 Sporting sides
6 Former currency of Peru
7 Utters a series of oaths; swears (4,3)
8 Comedian __ Das
9 Lamb's nom-de-plume
10 Peel
11 Captures or wins as a prize
17 Understanding term? (1,3)
19 A long period of time
22 Join ___ : proceed to argue with a person?
24 Tongue-shaped portion of fire?
25 A word meaning 'by means of'
26 Small guitar
27 Current fashion or craze
28 Dispersal of the Jews
29 Genre you might hear at a nightclub
30 An Ethiopian prince
32 Depending, banking on, trusting
35 Confusion or medley
36 Suffix denoting "somewhat"
38 Pointed weapon
39 ___ majesty : treason toward the king or country ?
40 Newts
41 Alien craft
43 Roman 57
45 Causes irritation
46 Italian city
48 Abu Dhabi locale
49 Tic ___ toe : children's game?



SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

6	8	9	3	5	1	2	7	4
3	5	4	8	2	7	6	9	1
7	1	2	6	9	4	3	8	5
9	6	5	1	7	3	4	2	8
1	4	3	9	8	2	7	5	6
2	7	8	5	4	6	9	1	3
4	2	1	7	3	5	8	6	9
5	9	7	4	6	8	1	3	2
8	3	6	2	1	9	5	4	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

ZETWPWSLJ PC RUW URYX WIJ ZEJTWJCW UG

HPEWSJC, QSW WIJ FTEJRW UG TYY UWIJEC.

TODAY'S CLUE: W EQUALS T

Wednesday's Cryptoquip: Good advice is something a man gives when he is too old to set a bad example.

MOVIE LOVERS

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- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
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  Vedha (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  Vedha (K) - 4 Shows
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Vedha (K)	(S-1)	7.00 am, 10.05 am, 1.05 pm
	(S-2)	7.05 pm
Kantara (K)	(S-1)	4.15 pm
Dhamaka (Te)	(S-1)	7.10 pm, 10.00 pm
Avatar: The way of water (E-3D)	(S-2)	9.50 am
	(S-4)	10.55 am, 2.35 pm
		6.15 pm, 9.50 pm
Connect (Ta)	(S-2)	1.40 pm
18 pages (Te)	(S-2)	4.05 pm
Kaapa (Ma)	(S-2)	10.05 pm
Hosa Dinachari (K)	(S-3)	10.45 am
Cirkus (H)	(S-3)	1.20 pm, 7.05 pm, 9.55 pm
Vishal in Laththi Charge (Ta)	(S-3)	4.10 pm

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Vedha (K)	:	10.00 am, 1.05 pm, 3.35 pm
		6.40 pm, 9.40 pm
Dhamaka (Te)	:	10.10 am, 4.05 pm
Vishal in Laththi Charge (Ta)	:	10.30 am, 9.25 pm
Cirkus (H)	:	12.50 pm, 4.20 pm, 9.45 pm
18 Pages (Te)	:	1.20 pm, 7.05 pm
Kaapa (Ma)	:	1.40 pm, 6.45 pm
Connect (Ta)	:	4.10 pm
Avatar: The way of water (K-3D)	:	6.15 pm, 9.50 pm

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Vedha (K)	:	9 am, 3.30 pm, 6.50 pm, 10.10 pm
Cirkus (H)	:	9.55 am, 12.20 pm, 1.00 pm
		4.05 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.15 pm
Dhamaka (Te)	:	10.00 am, 4.00 pm, 10.00 pm
18 pages (Te)	:	1.00 pm, 7.00 pm
Vishal in Laththi Charge (Ta)	:	10.20 am, 4.20 pm, 9.45 pm
Connect (Ta)	:	7.25 pm
Kaapa (Ma)	:	1.25 pm
Avatar: The way of water (3D-E)	:	9.45 am, 10.45 am, 1.40 pm
		2.40 pm, 5.35 pm, 6.35 pm
		9.30 pm, 10.30 pm

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Vedha (K)	:	8 am, 12.45 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Cirkus (H)	:	9.40 am, 4.05 pm
		7.10 pm, 10.15 pm
Avatar: The way of water (E-3D)	:	9.45 am, 11.20 am, 1.40 pm
		3.15 pm, 5.35 pm, 9.30 pm
18 Pages (Te)	:	9.55 am, 3.55 pm
Dhamaka (Te)	:	12.55 pm, 10.00 pm
Vishal in Laththi Charge (Ta)	:	6.55 pm

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 25)

- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** 'My Handloom My Pride' - a Special Handloom Exhibition, JSS Mysore Urban Haat premises, Hebbal, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Gruha Shobhe:** International living style exhibition, Maharaja's College Grounds, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Sahara Art and Crafts Shopping Festival-2022:** Handicraft and Handloom expo-cum-sale, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's Office, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Sahaja Samrudha Krushi Samsthe:** Avarekai Food Mela featuring mouth-watering dishes made out of seasonal crop, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, **up to 10 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti:** Discourse on 'Padma Purana' by Pt. Aniruddhachar Pandurangi, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm.**
- **Srikrishna Gana Sabha:** Odissi Dance by Sindhu Kiran, Founder, Rudra Natya Yogashala [Event is in memory of S.R. Kumudha], Trust President Nandakumar inaugurates, Alwar Kala Bhavan, Gokulam, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sree Andal Mandiram Trust and Hebbar Sreevyshnava Rural District Upa Sabha, Mysuru:** Dhanurmasa Puja, Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vid. M.K. Shelvanarayana, Mandiram premises, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Raaga Vaibhava, Mysuru:** Grand Hindustani Classical Vocal recital by Ustad Faiyaz Khan, accompanied by Pt. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium and Pt. Ramesh Dhannur on tabla, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, **6 pm.**
- **Mysore Palace Board:** Palace Flower Show, Karnatak Classical Music concert by Gurudatta Nataraj, **6 pm to 6.45 pm;** Musical Evening by renowned playback singer Rajesh Krishnan and Jogi Sunitha, Palace premises, **7 pm to 9 pm.**
- **NaMo Yogabhavan:** Felicitation to MUDA Chairman Yashaswi Somashekar, gold medal winning Yoga Champion Yoga Prakash's 62nd birthday celebrations, 'Yoga Seva Ratna' award presentation to M. Roopa and Aruna M. Gavade, Mysuru District Kannada Rajyotsava Awardee M.L. Kalyan Kumar will do the honours, Mysuru City and District Brahmin Association President D.T. Prakash inaugurates, NaMo Yogabhavan, Ramanuja Road, **6 pm.**
- **Bharatiya Nrityakala Parishat:** Natyacharya M. Vishnudas Memorial 32nd Nrutyotsava, inauguration by senior dance artistes of Mysuru, **6 pm;** Bharatanatyam by Parishat office-bearers, Ganabharathi, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **6.15 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Sri Mahajana Sabha:** Tirupavai Kalakshepa (discourse) by Vid. Mudumbai Ramanuja Sharma, Krishnamurthypuram Sri Rama Mandira, **6.15 pm to 7.15 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha:** Tirupavai Kalakshepa (discourse) by Dr. N.K. Ramasheshan, Dr. Kamala Raman Mandira, K.R. Vanam, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Road, **6.15 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** Talk and interaction on 'Thomas Piketty and Economics' by Prof. T.S. Venugopal, Suruchi Rangamane, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Parivarthana Ranga Samaja:** Staging of play 'Nanna Pritiya Amrita', directed by S.R. Ramesh, Natana Rangashale auditorium, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple:** Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vidu. B.K. Seethalakshmi, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, near Sai Baba Mandira, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 26)

- **Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple:** Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vidu. B.K. Seethalakshmi, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, near Sai Baba Mandira, **6.30 pm.**
- **Department of Computer Applications, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, JSS Science and Technology University, Mysuru and GOCYBEX Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru:** Diamond jubilee year 1963-2023, Workshop on 'Cyber Security: Challenges and Opportunities,' GOCYBEX Founder and CEO Dr. Subhamangala Sunil chief guest, JSS-STU VC A.N. Santosh Kumar presides, **9.30 am.** [Online Mode link https://meet.google.com/kej-upod-cyt]
- **Amrita Vidyalayam:** 23rd Annual Day celebrations, Professor and Head of Dance Department (University of Mysore) *Karnataka Kalashree* Dr. K. Kumar chief guest, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham Visual Communication Department Associate Professor Dr. Ramya K. Prasad presides, Vidyalayam premises, Bogadi 2nd Stage, **9.30 am.**
- **Department of Studies in Zoology, Central Animal Facility:** One-day workshop on 'Handling and care of laboratory animals in accordance with ethical guidelines for research,' Prof. Mewa Singh, Distinguished Professor (for Life) and SERB Distinguished Fellow, University of Mysore (UoM), inaugurates, Prof. H. Rajashekar, Acting VC, UoM, presides, V.R. Shylaja, Registrar, UoM, will be present, Prof. M.R. Rajashekarasetty Memorial Hall, Manasagangothri, **9.30 am.**
- **University Career Hub, University of Mysore (UoM) and Maharani's Arts College for Women:** 'Yashaswi Spardha Payana' and 'Kalike Jote Kaushalya,' professional guide and competitive exams awareness programme, MCC Addl. Commissioner M.T. Roopa inaugurates, College Principal Prof. Srinivasa presides, College premises, **10 am.**
- **Department of Kannada and Culture, Bengaluru:** Solo painting expo by Narasimhulu P. Byageri, Sri Kalanikethana Art Gallery, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **10 am to 5 pm.**
- **Mysore Palace Board:** Palace Flower Show, **10 am to 9 pm;** Classical music by B.N. Gayathri Devi, **6 pm to 6.45 pm;** Dance by differently abled children from Nitya Niranthara Trust, **7 pm;** Sangeetha Ganamrutha by playback singers Vijay Prakash, Anuradha Bhat and Lakshmi Nagaraj and team, Palace premises, **7.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Sahara Art and Crafts Shopping Festival-2022:** Handicraft and Handloom expo-cum-sale, Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's Office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Law Guide:** Calendar and Diary release by City Police Commissioner B.Ramesh, Hotel Airlines premises, **11 am.**
- **Shri Kshethra Dharmasthala Rural Development Project (SKDRDP) B.C. Trust, Mysuru Regional Office:** Calendar and diary release by Regional Director B. Jayaram Nellittaya, MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar (RK) presides, Press Club, Tyagaraja Road, **12 noon.**
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti:** Discourse on 'Padma Purana' by Pt. Aniruddhachar Pandurangi, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm.**
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- **Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit:** 'Vachana Gayana and Vyakhyaana' competition, writer Dr. C.G. Ushadevi inaugurates and delivers lecture on 'Vachanakarthiyara Pragatipara Chintane,' JSS Institution Head Mistress H.M. Shylaja Swamy, Sharana Sahitya Parishat Mysuru City Unit President M.G. Sadanandaiah presides, Jyotirgamaya Seva Trust, free hostel for girls, Ramanuja Road 15th Cross, **6 pm.**
- **Bharatiya Nrityakala Parishat:** Natyacharya M. Vishnudas Memorial 32nd Nrutyotsava, Bharatanatyam by Vid. Yogesh Kumar and Vidu. Sneha Narayan, Narthana Yoga and Kalasnehi Nritya Samsthe, Bengaluru, **6 pm;** Bharatanatyam by disciples of Vidu. Dr. Kripa Phadke, Nrityagiri Performing Arts and Research Centre, Mysuru, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar, **7 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Sri Mahajana Sabha:** Tirupavai discourse by Vid. Mudumbai Ramanuja Sharma, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 7.15 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha:** Tirupavai discourse by Dr. N.K. Ramasheshan, Dr. Kamala Raman Mandira, K.R. Vanam, **6.15 pm.**

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Vedha (K)	(S-2)	12.55 pm, 4.05 pm
	(S-3)	9.55 am, 6.50 pm
18 pages (Te)	(S-3)	1.00 pm

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		6.40 pm, 10.30 pm
Avatar: The way of water (3D-E)	(S-3)	9.30 am, 9.30 pm
Vedha (K)	(S-1)	9.55 am, 1.05 pm
		7.10 pm, 10.20 pm
Cirkus (H)	(S-4)	10.25 am, 1.20 pm
		4.15 pm, 10.00 pm
18 Pages (Te)	(S-1)	4.15 pm
Vishal in Laththi Charge (Ta)	(S-3)	1.20 pm
Connect (Ta)	(S-3)	4.20 pm
Dhamaka (Te)	(S-3)	6.35 pm
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